

Biden Amendment No. 286 (in lieu of the language proposed to be stricken by Lugar Amendment No. 266), relative to the United States' share of assessment for United Nations Peacekeeping operations.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Lugar Amendment No. 274, to provide a short title, previously agreed to, which was then subsequently vitiated and withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Biden Amendment No. 286 (listed above) with a vote to occur thereon at 10 a.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, and the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine, in to the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

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Appointments:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 109th Congress: Senator Cornyn.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—83)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, p.m. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3227.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army; Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy; Lieutenant General H.P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, United States Air Force; Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, on behalf of the Military Coalition, and Joyce Wessel Raezer, National Military Family Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; and Deirder Parke Holleman, National Military and Veterans Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the safety programs in the Transportation Equity Act for 21st Century (TEA–21), focusing on highway, motor carrier and hazardous materials transportation safety, and transportation of household goods, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Annette Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Stacey L. Gerard, Acting Assistant Administrator/Chief Safety Officer, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals for reform regarding charities and charitable giving, receiving testimony from George K. Yin, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of Internal

Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch, St. Paul; Richard Johnson, Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis, PLLC, Nashville, Tennessee; David Kuo, Beliefnet.com, New York, New York; Brian A. Gallagher, United Way of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Diana Aviv, Independent Sector, Washington, D.C., and Leon E. Panetta, California State University Panetta Institute, Long Beach, both on behalf of the Panel on the Nonprofit Sector.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, focusing on new Medicare Advantage (MA) plan options and voluntary Medicare prescription drug coverage, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann Womer Benjamin, Director, Ohio Department of Insurance, Columbus; and Marcia Marsh, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.

HEAD START

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development held a hearing to examine Head Start, focusing on ensuring dollars benefit children relating to the effectiveness of the oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families in identifying and resolving financial management weaknesses in Head Start grantees, after receiving testimony from Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Administration for Children and Families; Marnie Shaul, Director, Educating and Protecting Children, Government Accountability Office; A.C.

Wharton, Mayor of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee; Yvonne Gates, Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach, Clark County, Nevada; Jim Caccamo, Metropolitan Council on Early Learning, Kansas City, Missouri; and Olivia Golden, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

LYTTON RANCHERIA TRIBAL LANDS STATUS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine S. 113, to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust, receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Representative George Miller; George T. Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs; California State Assemblymember Loni Hancock, Sacramento; Sharon J. Brown and Brock Arner, both of the City of San Pablo, San Pablo, California; Margie Mejia, Lytton Band of Pomo Indians, Santa Rosa, California; and Mark Macarro, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, Temecula, California.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

USA PATRIOT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, focusing on renewing key provisions in the USA PATRIOT ACT that have been integral in the Federal Government's prosecution of the war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, and Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.